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Schaeffler OPTIME

What is OPTIME and how does it work?

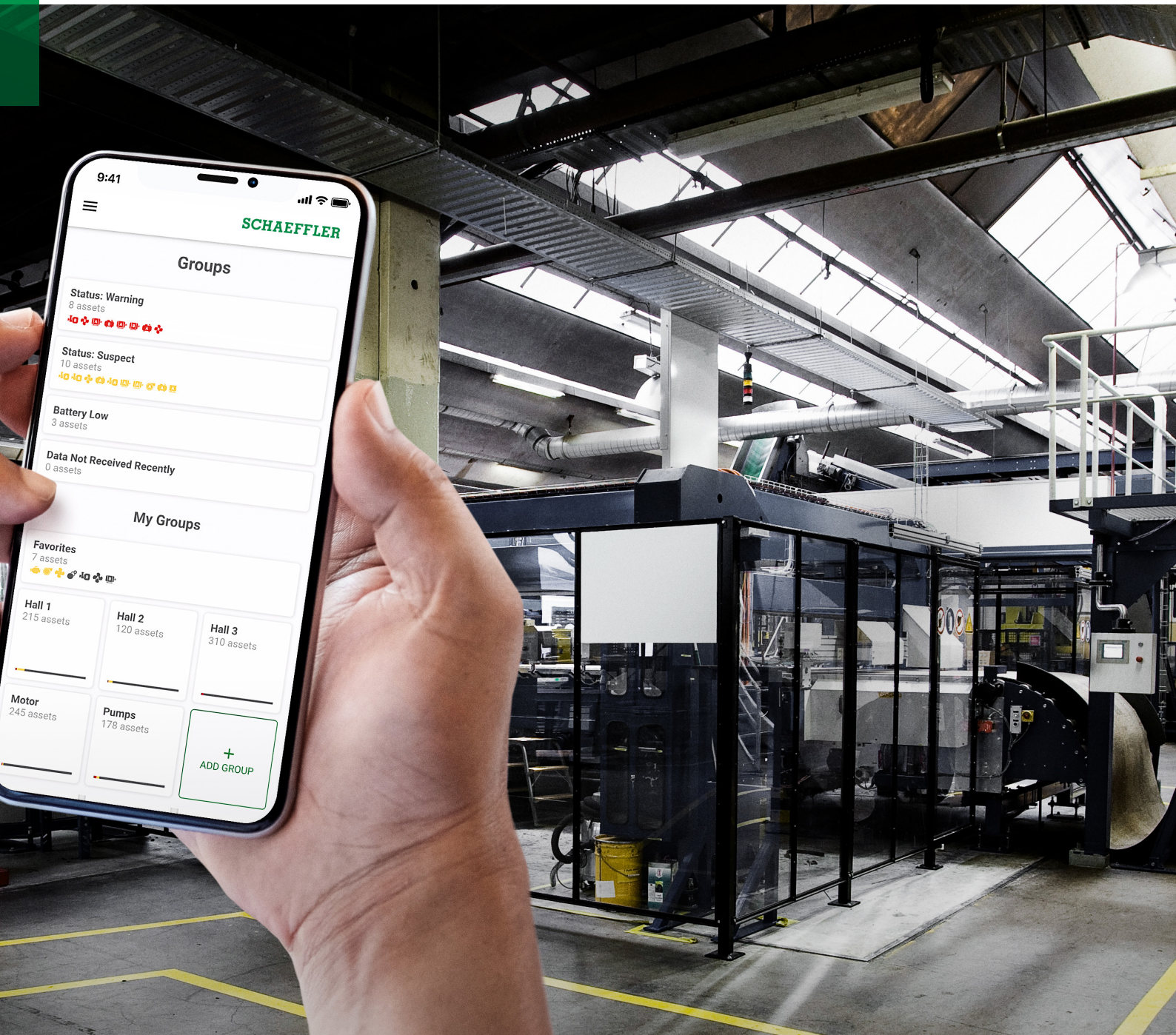


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Success all along the line ...

Red Dot Design Award 2021

With its innovative condition monitoring solution OPTIME, Schaeffler joins the list of winners of the „Red Dot Award“, which include well-known companies. The jury awarded OPTIME in the categories „Smart Product“ and „Industrial Equipment“, thus confirming the product design, the functional composition and the innovative power of the digital service solution.

Industry 4.0 Innovation Award 2020

The perfect implementation of Schaeffler’s innovative condition monitoring solution OPTIME was confirmed with the „Industry 4.0 Innovation Award“. The award was presented for the fifth time by VDE-Verlag in cooperation with the German Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers’ Association (ZVEI) and the Standardization Council Industry 4.0. Standardization Council Industrie 4.0.

Customer satisfaction - success stories



Reliable monitoring around the clock

Schaeffler OPTIME prevented unplanned downtimes in supply systems at a German plant. This saved costs in a five-digit range.

[Success Story](#)



Saving costs with OPTIME

In a Romanian factory, the customer saves 49,152 euros with a motor monitoring system in milling machines; in Slovakia, 18,161 euros are saved with a pump monitoring system.

[Success Story](#)



Defect detection with OPTIME

Immediately after installation, OPTIME automatically detects failures and sends an alarm message. In various customer applications, we show you directly from practice how OPTIME finds defects.

[Success Story](#)

Customer quotes

With OPTIME our maintenance staff has the transparency over the condition of most of our machines without the need to watch them closely all the time.

Tony Virtanen
Maintenance Engineer, Finnsementti Oy

Good price, top performance. The system is also suitable for operation in hard to reach places to carry out measurements. It is also suitable for hot and cramped places. I like it.

Juha Knihtilä
Reliability Engineer im Werk Sunila

Since introducing OPTIME, we have had no unplanned downtime in the supply plant. This is a good thing.

Detlev Jacobi
Maintenance Manager, Schaeffler Schweinfurt

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Seamless Monitoring at lowest Cost

What is Schaeffler OPTIME?

Schaeffler OPTIME is an easily scalable Condition Monitoring solution, developed for various purposes in industry, recommended for a range of rotating machines with a speed of 120 rpm^{*}-5000 rpm.

During the development of the system, special attention was paid to the very simple commissioning, problem-free expansion and versatile use of the solution. The effort for the user was kept as low as possible for each individual process step.

These features make Schaeffler OPTIME particularly suitable for condition-based-monitoring of a large number of machines.



Schaeffler OPTIME wins the Red Dot Award 2021 in two categories

Benefits of Schaeffler OPTIME

- Cost-efficient monitoring
- Monitoring hundreds of rotating machines for just a few cents per day – up to 50 percent cheaper than manual monitoring with handheld measurement devices
- Quick to install
- Installing the sensors and setting up the app takes just a few minutes – no previous knowledge is necessary
- Use expert knowledge
- Digital Service provides professional diagnoses based on expert algorithms and machine learning, available 24/7 via app – so you always make the right decision
- For beginners and advanced users
- Easy handling, offers decisive information and extensive extensions suitable for different users and needs

* application-specific

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Solution Components



1. Sensors

The battery-operated sensors can be mounted quickly and easily on the machines and record vibration and temperature data of the monitored unit. The wireless mesh network enables automatic data exchange between all connected units.

2. Gateway

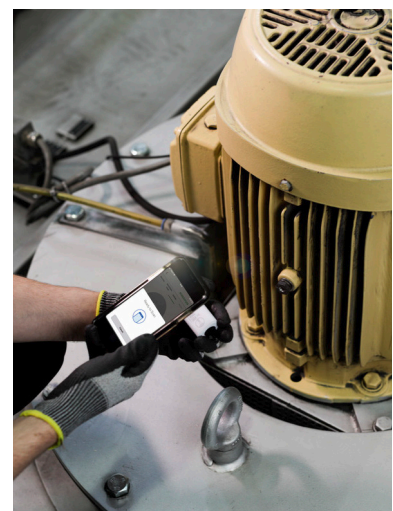
The gateway receives the data sent by the sensors and transmits it to the cloud. One gateway can cover 50 sensors.

3. Digital Service

In the cloud, continuous, automatic analyses are carried out and early warnings are sent out in case of beginning and imminent failures.

The results are based on algorithms derived from Schaeffler's rolling bearing knowledge and condition monitoring expertise as well as machine learning.

All results are available in an easy-to-use smartphone app and a web-based dashboard. The functions are tailored to the needs of the users and their individual work processes.



Activate and integrate the sensor using the Schaeffler OPTIME App.

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Digital Service

OPTIME Digital Service is a cloud-based solution and can be used via mobile App and web applications for desktop browsers, e.g. in control rooms or at the workplace. OPTIME Digital Service, is made available to the customer after subscription to the service by creating a dedicated customer area within the Schaeffler Cloud. The OPTIME installation is managed via the mobile application or the OPTIME Dashboard. OPTIME Digital Service includes mandatory and optional service components.

Description – Mandatory Services

Digital Service Tenant

- Provision and access to your own customer area in the Schaeffler Cloud
- User access and management
- Commissioning and activation of sensors and gateways via the mobile App
- Hardware allocation, including the creation of plants and machines, and corresponding groups
- Access to mobile and web applications for desktop browsers
- Note: Schaeffler requires the name and an e-mail address of at least one key user of the customer so that the tenant can be created.
- The tenant will be set up after the customer has placed the order and will be invoiced at the beginning of the following month.
- The customer will be informed by e-mail that the tenant has been set up.
- Any agreed minimum contract period starts from the first month of the first invoicing.

Digital Service Analytics

- Vibration-based automated condition assessment of monitored machines, using algorithm-based automated diagnostics
- Display of alarms and failure causes
- Fees are only charged for active sensors. A sensor is active as soon as the Schaeffler Cloud receives measurement data from the sensor.
- Gateway SIM data costs are included in the monthly fee.
- Note: Schaeffler requires at least the machine type of the monitored machine for automatic analysis and alerting. Other optional metadata for better results are criticality, ISO class of the machine and more.

Digital Lubrication Management

- Display of status information of OPTIME Smart Lubricator devices (e.g. fill level, battery status or ambient temperature)
- Generation and display of alarms (critical lubricant level, temperature limits exceeded, back pressure too high)
- Identification of the causes of malfunctions
- Support in the selection of lubricant and relubrication parameters
- Remote modification of lubrication settings
- Fees are only charged for active devices. A device is active as soon as the Schaeffler OPTIME Cloud receives data from the device.
- Gateway SIM data costs are included in the monthly fee.

Description Optional Services

Digital Service REST API usage

- Access to REST API to retrieve data from the Schaeffler cloud into the customer system (see page 9)

OPTIME ExpertViewer

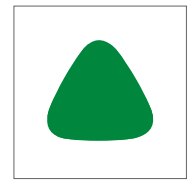
- Advanced vibration analysis tool for experts from experts (see page 9)

For information on the prices of the respective components, please contact your Schaeffler sales representative.

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Mobile Application

The OPTIME app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play. The app shows the real machine status according to criticality, thus allowing optimal planning of maintenance activities. You can organize your machine park individually and easily with the help of the group, machine and sensor management.

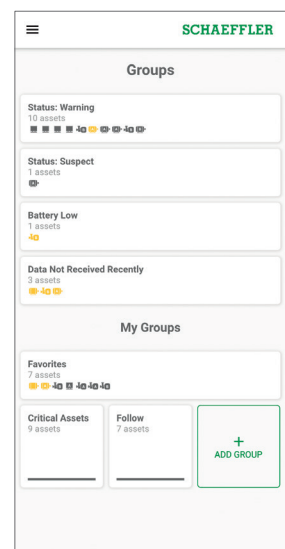


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Group management

Alarm-based groups are preset in the group management initial screen:

- Alarm status
 - *Severe: Machine shows advanced damage. These machines should be inspected and repaired if necessary.*
 - *Warning: Inspect machine and schedule repair work for the next regular maintenance interval.*
 - *Suspect: Observe; no immediate action required.*
- Battery status: Sensors with low battery.
- Reception status: Sensors which are offline and have not transmitted any data in the last 24 hours.



Group management

My groups

Below the alarm-based groups are the user-defined groups that can be created individually.

Examples

- Local conditions (location, buildings)
- Structures relevant to production (segments, product lines, production units)
- Machine types (motors, fans, pumps)

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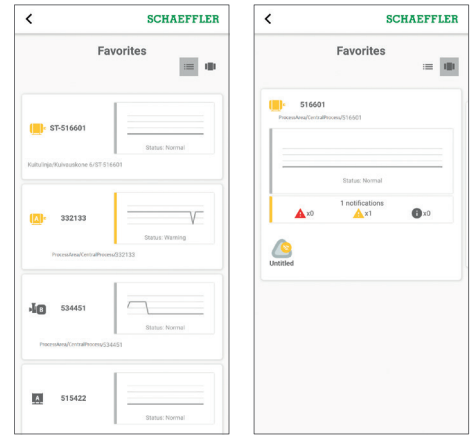
Mobile Application

Group views

Within a group all assigned machines can be found. There is the list view and the tile view.

List view
The color-coded alarm status of the machine, the status diagram with alarm level and possible open alarm notifications are displayed.

Tile view
In addition to the list view, an extended overview of alarm notifications and the status of the machine's sensors are displayed.

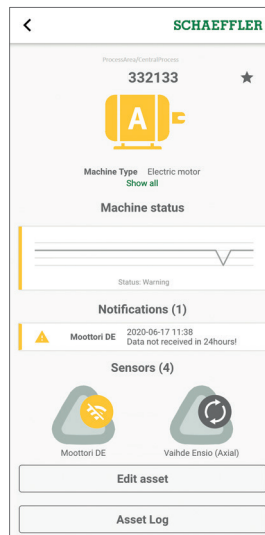


List view

Tile view

Machine management

If you select a machine within the group, you can access the machine management. The machine management shows a machine and related information such as the status, active alarm notifications and the sensors connected to the machine.

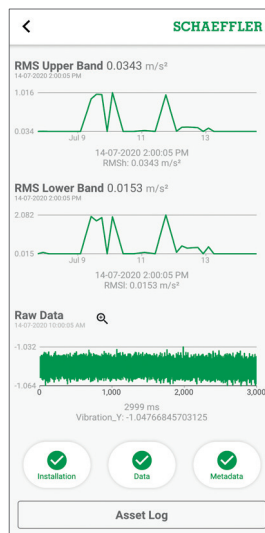


Machine management

- Tracking the machine status
- Acknowledge alarm notifications
- Edit machines
- Edit and view machine log
- Navigation to the subordinate sensors
- Add a new sensor

Sensor management

The selection of a sensor leads to the sensor management. The sensor management shows active alarm notifications, KPIs and raw data related to the sensor.

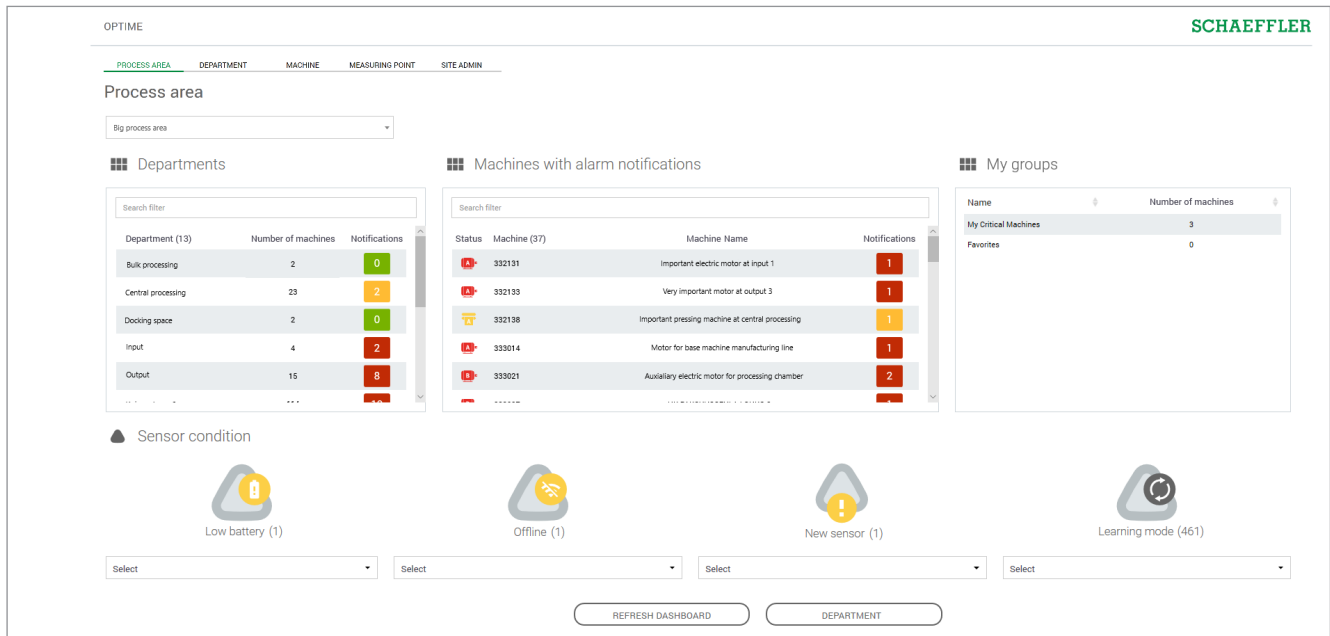


Sensor management

- Acknowledge alarm notifications
- View KPIs
- View raw data
- Edit sensor
- Request new KPIs and raw data
- Edit machine log

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Web-based Dashboard



The OPTIME dashboard is the central user interface for use in control rooms where KPIs and alarm notifications for plant condition monitoring can be controlled.

Functions

- Track machine status
- Active monitoring of machines and their KPIs
- Display of alarm notifications based on learned KPI limits as an indication of possible machine defects
- Confirmation of alarm notifications
- Display and generation of log entries for machines
- Display of KPI data and raw sensor data

Functions exclusively for administrators

- User administration
 - Add, edit and delete users and profiles
 - Send notifications to users
- Management of the installations
 - Add, move and delete gateways and sensors

Browser

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox
- Safari
- Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Optional Services



Digital Service REST API

Thanks to this service, OPTIME data can be accessed via a software interface. You have access to the following data:

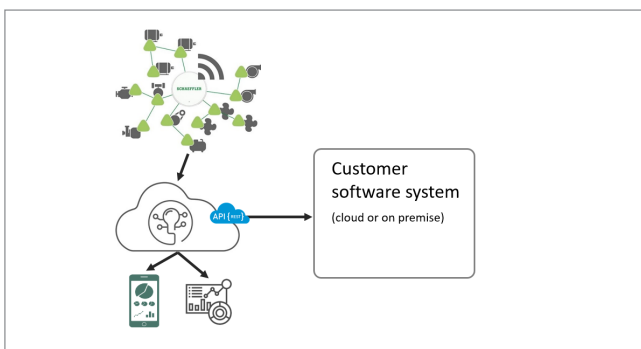
- per sensor: raw vibration and raw KPI values
- per machine: CM State, open alarms, history of alarms

Notes: Data access rates are limited by the API proxy. The rate limits ensure that the OPTIME system is protected against misuse via the API, whether intentional or accidental.

Schaeffler requires at least one lead developer from the customer as a contact person who is granted access to the Schaeffler API Developer Portal. The lead developer will be provided with access and introduction information.

Monthly fees are charged for this service.

The access to the service is granted via the Schaeffler Developer Portal to ensure state of the art security and system protection.



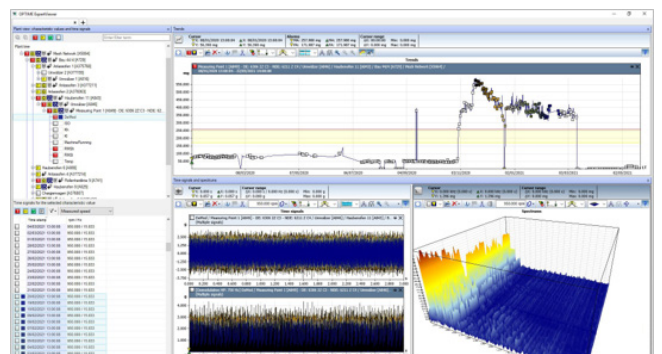
Schematic representation of how REST API works.

OPTIME ExpertViewer

The OPTIME ExpertViewer digital service offers a comprehensive collection of analysis tools for manual in-depth and root cause analysis of vibration data. The service is compatible with OPTIME and „OPTIME-ready“ data (Schaeffler SmartCheck and Schaeffler ProLink). ExpertViewer is optimized for the responsive analysis of large amounts of vibration data. It is also easy to use. Users log in with the OPTIME user data. Good to know: the number of users on the customer side for the digital service Expert-Viewer is not limited.

Monthly fees are charged for this service.

OPTIME ExpertViewer is provided as a download and requires an active Digital Service Tenant.



Insights in the ExpertViewer

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Applications

The OPTIME system is suitable for machines that are operated continuously or partially continuously. Furthermore, the machine should normally run in a stable operating condition (speed and power) for a period of approximately one hour. With OPTIME-AW3 sensors, machine speeds from 120 rpm* to 3000 rpm, with OPTIME-AW5 sensors, up to 5000 rpm are recommended. When selecting the suitable combination of machine and sensor, some factors must be considered, see table.



Typical combinations of machines and sensors

Application	Characteristic	Sensor	Number	Mounting location
Electric motor	< 0,5 m	OPTIME 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing position on the drive side of the motor • Central on the engine • In the middle at the foot of the motor
Electric motor	> 0,5 m	OPTIME 3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive side and non-drive side of the motor • Foot from drive side and non-drive side of the motor
Fan	overhang	OPTIME 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plummer block housing
Fan	between the bearing	OPTIME 3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plummer block housing
Fan	directly coupled	OPTIME 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive side of the motor
Compressor	–	OPTIME 5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing location
Pillow block	–	OPTIME 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing location
Pump	–	OPTIME 5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing location
Gear motor	< 0,5 m	OPTIME 5	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing location
Gear motor	> 0,5 m	OPTIME 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor
Gear motor	> 0,5 m	OPTIME 5	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gearbox
Extruder	–	OPTIME 3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing location
Calander	–	OPTIME 3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing location
Belt drive	–	OPTIME 3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing location
Saw	–	OPTIME 5	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing position of the saw blade
Shaft	–	OPTIME 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearing housing
Gearbox	–	OPTIME 5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input and output

* application-specific

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Product Specification

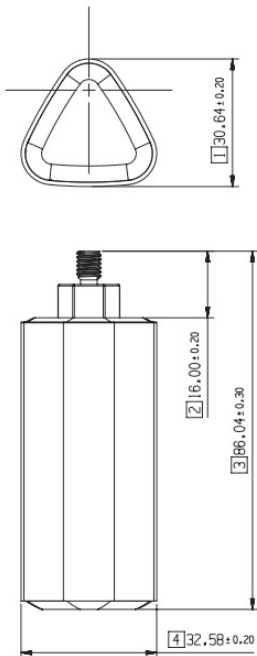
OPTIME sensors	OPTIME-3 	OPTIME-5 
Vibration bandwidth	2 Hz – 3 kHz	2 Hz – 5 kHz
Amplitude range	±2/±4/±8/±16 g	±2/±4/±8/±16 g
Temperature trend measurement	-40°C to +85°C	-40°C to +85°C
Calculated KPIs	RMS _{Low} , Kurtosis _{Low} , ISO _{VELOCITY} , RMS _{High} , Kurtosis _{High} , DeMod, Temperature	RMS _{Low} , Kurtosis _{Low} , ISO _{VELOCITY} , RMS _{High} , Kurtosis _{High} , DeMod, Temperature
Measurement cycle	KPIs: every 4 h Time waveform: every 24 h	KPIs: every 4 h Time waveform: every 24 h
Typical target applications	Motors, generators, fans, pillow block bearings, up to 3.000 rpm	Pumps, geared motors and small gearboxes, compressors, HVACs etc., up to 5.000 rpm
Sensor commissioning	NFC (Near Field Communication)	NFC (Near Field Communication)
Communication	Wirepas Mesh (2.4GHz ISM Band)	Wirepas Mesh (2.4GHz ISM Band)
Sensor transmission range (line of sight)	up to 100 m	up to 100 m
Power supply	Non-replaceable Li-SOCl ₂ battery	Non-replaceable Li-SOCl ₂ battery
Typical battery life	up to 5 years (depending on configuration)	up to 5 years (depending on configuration)
Operating temperature range	-40° to +85°C	-40° to +85°C
Recommended storage temperature (for optimum battery life)	0° to 30°C	0° to 30°C
Ingress protection	IP 69K	IP 69K
Materials	Mounting base: steel AISI 316, housing: Polycarbonate	Mounting base: steel AISI 316, housing: Polycarbonate
Mounting	Single Bolt Mounting (M6) (Adapters available)	Single Bolt Mounting (M6) (Adapters available)
Dimensions	Please see drawings	
Certifications	CE, FCC, IC, RCM, Anatel, NTC, NBTC, SIRIM, WPC, SRRC; further country certifications to follow	
Hazardous Area Classification	Zone 1 (in planning)	Zone 1 (in planning)

OPTIME Gateway

Sensor communication	Wirepas Mesh (2.4GHz ISM Band), maximum number of sensors: 50
Communication to Schaeffler IoT Hub	2G, LTE CAT M1 (default) LTE-Stick: GSM, UMTS, LTE Wi-Fi 2.4GHz, Ethernet RJ45
SIM card format	Micro-SIM (3FF)
Ingress Protection	IP 66/67
Temperature range	-20°C to 50°C (operation), -40°C to 85°C (storage)
Power supply	Voltage Range 85-264VAC, 47-440Hz, Power Consumption 30VA max.
Dimensions	Please see drawings
Certifications	Europe: CE (Radio Equipment Directive 2014/53/EU), further certificates -> see sensor above

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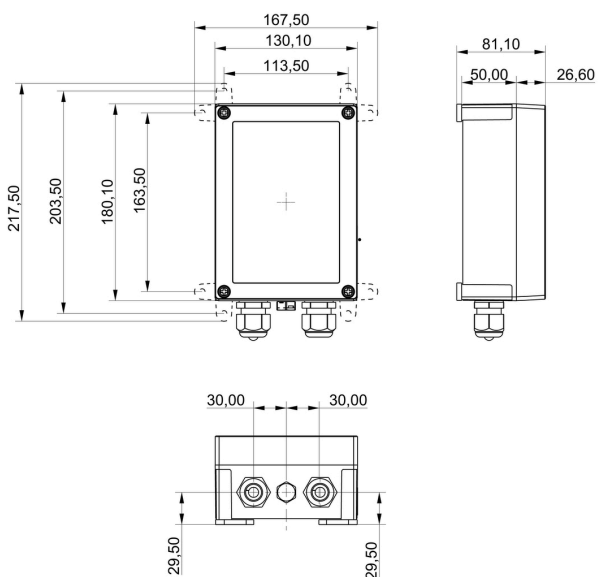
Product Specification



Dimensions of OPTIME Sensor



Installing OPTIME



Dimensions OPTIME Gateway



OPTIME in action

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